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## VANCE COUNTY MAN WINS \$208,270 "CAROLINA CASH 5" PRIZE

-Lee County Man Scratches Off a "\$200,000 Jackpot"-

-Charlotte Cousins Split "\$200,000 Jackpot" Top Prize-

-Powerball Jackpot Rolls to \$120 Million!-

**RALEIGH**-Walter Ellis of **Henderson** is looking forward to doing some home remodeling with his recent lottery winnings. His "Carolina Cash 5" ticket for the Jan. 5 drawing matched all five numbers drawn to win the \$208,270 top prize. Ellis purchased his winning ticket at College Station on U.S. 158 Bypass in Henderson.

For Jose Guevara of **Sanford**, happenstance made him buy his winning lottery ticket. Guevara was with a friend who needed to buy some medicine for his sick child. They stopped at the Kerr Drug on South Horner Boulevard in Sanford for the medicine, and while they were there, Guevara's friend suggested he buy a ticket.

Guevara says he was going to buy one of the \$2 instant scratch-off tickets but the cashier suggested the new "\$200,000 Jackpot" ticket instead, which costs \$5. He bought one ticket and as he scratched it off at home, he says could not believe his eyes when it revealed the top prize of \$200,000. Guevara plans to use his winnings to further his education and visit family in El Salvador.

Cousins Lula Haile and Selena Gebremedhin, both from **Charlotte**, stopped to get a drink at the Fast Stop I on Rozzells Ferry Road in Charlotte. While inside the store, they decided to split the cost of a few lottery tickets as well. After making their purchases, they went back to the car to scratch them off and saw that the "\$200,000 Jackpot" instant scratch-off ticket they had bought was worth the top prize of \$200,000! Among their plans for their winnings are a family vacation, shopping and furthering their education.

The Powerball jackpot is up to \$120 million! In last night's drawing, four North Carolina tickets matched four out of five white balls plus the Powerball and are worth \$10,000 each. These tickets were sold at Accel on West Plaza Drive in **Mooreville**, Glenwood BP Fiddle-Stix on Glenwood Avenue in **Raleigh**, Anson Mart on East Caswell Street in **Wadesboro**, and Parker's News on South Main Street in **High Point**.

A total of 52,794 North Carolina Powerball players won prizes in the Wednesday, Jan. 7 Powerball drawing, ranging from \$10,000 down to \$3 for a total payout in prizes worth \$560,775. No one matched all five white balls plus the Powerball, so the jackpot for the Saturday, Jan. 10 Powerball drawing is an estimated \$120 million.

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One ticket in the Jan. 7 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing matched all five white balls drawn and is worth \$78,893. The ticket was sold at Circle K on Highway 49 North in **Mount Pleasant**.

The North Carolina Education Lottery (NCEL) has paid out more than \$4.5 million total in instant scratch-off ticket prizes since Monday, Jan. 5. Also since Monday, "Carolina Cash 5" players have won more than \$392,000 and "Carolina Pick 3" players have won more than \$1.1 million in prizes.

Winner in the Jan. 7 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Won</u></b>	<b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>
Tim McElwain	Gold Hill	\$78,893	Circle K 8425 Hwy. 49 North, Mount Pleasant

Winners in the Jan. 7 Powerball drawing:

<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Won</u></b>	<b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>
Unknown		\$10,000	Accel 255 W. Plaza Dr., Mooresville
Unknown		\$10,000	Glenwood BP Fiddle-Stix 6501 Glenwood Ave., Raleigh
Unknown		\$10,000	Anson Mart 1250 E. Caswell St., Wadesboro
Unknown		\$10,000	Parker's News 339 S. Main St., High Point

Winner in the Jan. 3 "Carolina Cash 5" drawing:

<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Won</u></b>	<b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>
Walter Ellis	Henderson	\$208,270	College Station 2840 U.S. 158 Bypass, Henderson

Winner in the Jan. 3 Powerball drawing:

<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Won</u></b>	<b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>
Marshall Moore	Salisbury	\$30,000	Country Cupboard 2010 Statesville Blvd., Salisbury

Winner in the Dec. 27 Powerball drawing:

<b><u>Winner</u></b>	<b><u>Hometown</u></b>	<b><u>Amount Won</u></b>	<b><u>Store Where Ticket Was Purchased</u></b>
Larry Bell	Durham	\$10,000	Town and Country Superettes 3700 Fayetteville Rd., Durham

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Instant scratch-off ticket top tier prize winners:

<u>Winner</u>	<u>Hometown</u>	<u>Amount Won</u>	<u>Game Played</u>
Jose Guevara	Sanford	\$200,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Lula Haile/Selena Gebremedhin	Charlotte	\$200,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
H.S. Dale	Clemmons	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Kimberly Davenport	Aberdeen	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Ronald Dellinger	Smithfield	\$10,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Heather Elrod	Taylorsville	\$10,000	"Silver & Gold"
Tammy Wilkins	Lumberton	\$10,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Peggy Griffin	Hudson	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Bobby Johnson	Thomasville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Patricia McAlarney	Clayton	\$5,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Kelly McNeill	Reidsville	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Susan Reece	Canton	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Maria Rodriguez	Raleigh	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"
Terry Stroud	Princeton	\$5,000	"\$200,000 Jackpot"
Renee Vallas	Smithfield	\$5,000	"\$130 Million Blockbuster"

**"Carolina Cash 5" Top Prize Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$50,000 to \$856,998	174

**Powerball Winners Tally**

<u>Prize</u>	<u># of winners</u>
\$2 Million - \$200,000	139
\$100,000 - \$10,000	756

(The Powerball numbers above are since May 31, 2006,  
but do not include unclaimed prizes.)

100% of the North Carolina Education Lottery net proceeds are used for pre-kindergarten programs for at risk youth, reduction of class size in early grades, school construction and need-based college scholarships.